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FROM: R.T. KENNEDY, WHITE HOUSE

TO: GENERAL HAIG, PARIS

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NOVEMBER 24, 1972

TO: COLONEL GUAY
FOR: GENERAL HAIG
FROM: R.T. KENNEDY
DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS.

THE PRESIDENT CALLED CONCERNING MR. KISSINGER'S MESSAGE (HAKTO 25). HE ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED TO MR. KISSINGER.

THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES THAT BY FAR THE PREFERABLE COURSE WOULD BE TO STAY THERE AND TO CONTINUE TALKING IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE FOR MOVEMENT LEADING TO CONCLUSION. HE WOULD EVEN TAKE RISKS IN THAT DIRECTION. IF, HOWEVER, YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO CHANCE THAT FURTHER PROGRESS CAN BE MADE THERE AT THIS STAGE, THEN HE AGREES WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION THAT WE ASK FOR A BREAK IN THE TALKS WITH RESUMPTION IN A WEEK OR TEN DAYS. IF THE SECOND OPTION IS THE ONE INDICATED BY THE SITUATION, THEN IT WILL BE MOST IMPORTANT THAT IT BE MADE VERY CLEAR THAT THE TALKS ARE GOING TO CONTINUE AND THAT THIS IS ONLY A TEMPORARY RECESS. HE BELIEVES THAT THERE SHOULD BE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE BUT THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE DETERMINED THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR CONSULTATION AND THAT THE TALKS WILL RESUME ON A SPECIFIC DATE WHICH WOULD BE ARRANGED WITH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. THE AGREED DATE OF RESUMPTION WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE TALKS NOT BE BROKEN OFF AND THAT PROVISIONS BE MADE FOR THEM TO CONTINUE.

IF YOU DECIDE TO RETURN ON SATURDAY, THE PRESIDENT ASKS THAT YOU COME DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK AND MEET HIM THERE.

THE PRESIDENT WAS AWARE THAT YOU HAD HAD A FIRM TALK WITH THO TODAY AND THAT YOU HAD USED HIS MESSAGES TO GOOD EFFECT. HE ALSO WAS AWARE THAT YOU WERE USING HIS MESSAGES IN YOUR MEETING WITH THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE THIS EVENING. HE EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE EFFORTS YOU HAVE PUT FORWARD UNDER THE GREAT STRAIN OF THESE FRUSTRATING AND DIFFICULT TALKS.

WARM REGARDS.

END OF MESSAGE

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